

PATENT
DOCKET NO.: 27339.00.8008

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Terry J. Johnson, residing and having a post office address of 1 East Schiller Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

“CONTAINER FOR FOODSTUFFS”

the specification of which is being filed concurrently herewith, and identified by Attorney Docket No. 27339.00.8008.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first

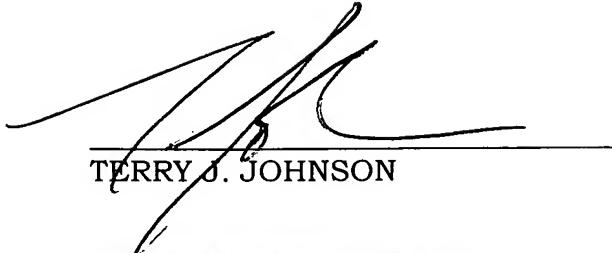
paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: NONE

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein of his information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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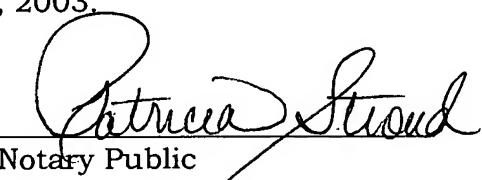

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I, Patricia Stroud, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Terry J. Johnson, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 16 day of June, 2003.


Patricia Stroud
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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